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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Francis BLANCHE *et al.* ) Prior Group Art Unit: 1652  
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Application No.: To be assigned ) Prior Examiner: R. Hutson  
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Filed: Concurrently herewith )  
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For: NOVEL TOPOISOMERASE IV, )  
CORRESPONDING NUCLEOTIDE )  
SEQUENCES AND USES )  
THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination of the above application on the merits, please amend  
this application as follows.

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